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Corps of Engineers Invites Comments on Impact Statement for Center Hill Dam

NASHVILLE, TENN. (**Sept. 4, 2007**) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District, has completed a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Center Hill Lake and invited the public to review and comment on that draft by October 23.

The document is entitled <u>Center Hill Dam and Lake, Dekalb County, Tennessee, Changes to Center Hill Lake Elevations, August 2007</u>. For convenience, an electronic copy of the document is posted on line at http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/CenterHill/.

The intent of the DEIS is to provide National Environmental Policy Act coverage for changes that include, but are not limited to, water quality, aquatic, riparian, and terrestrial habitat, recreation, water supply, flood storage, economics, hydropower production, and safety as a result of operating Center Hill Lake significantly below normal pool elevations for extended periods of time.

The DEIS will cover cumulative effects and compliance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will include a Biological Assessment/Opinion for the Endangered Species Act and a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report.

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To Better Serve The Public

Members of the public should send written comments to Nashville District, Corps of Engineers, PO Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202-1070 by the Oct. 23 deadline. Phone inquiries may be directed to Joy Broach at (615)736-7956. Comments may also be sent via email to:

CenterHill.Repair@lrn02.usace.army.mil.